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SOME COMFORT

Left to West Virginia Republicans in Face of All.

CAUSE FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

For the Future is to Be Found in the Result.

BIG REPUBLICAN GAINS MADE

Due to the Splendid Organization of the Party--The Best Organized State in the Union--A Republican Gain of 14 in the Legislature, and a Gain of 6,000 Votes Over 1890--Some Late Returns From the Counties.

The result in West Virginia is a surprise to all parties, and a great disappointment to Republicans, who confidently expected a decisive majority, and which the Democrats very much feared.

While the result is disappointing it ought not to be a discouragement. Two years ago the Democratic plurality in West Virginia was nearly 9,000. Now, it is 2,500 to 3,500--a Republican gain of 6,000. Had West Virginia "slumped" in proportion as the most of the states did, this is not the result is due to the excellent organization and the splendid fight made by the Republicans. They have stemmed the tide in fine style, and they made a heroic fight. That they did not achieve success is because success was impossible. Few states were ever so well organized--it was the praise of the national committee that it was the best organized state in the Union. In Ohio county the organization was nearly perfect, and it did much excellent work. Good results were achieved in Barbour, Berkeley, Tucker, Brooke, Roane, Marshall, Wayne, Preston and Gilmer. In Grant, Mineral, Mason, Morgan, McDowell, Taylor and Upshur the Republican majorities of 1888 have been increased, and to the sterling Republicanism of these counties the INTELLIGENCER does its bit.

In the legislature we have made substantial gains. In the last legislature the Democratic majority on joint ballot was twenty-nine. In the next the majority cannot be over one-half these figures. Senator Faulkner's own county elects a Republican. In the Tenth district Giffen has made a winning fight against great odds. Morrison, in the Ninth, heretofore a sure winner, is a victim of the "slump" in Kanawha. In the Greenbrier district, Colonel Driscoll made a fine fight, but he has probably fallen under the cyclonic unanimity of the 8th instant.

Let the splendid organization in West Virginia be kept intact. The splendid struggle of '92 by the Republican party will yet bear fruit. Up, boys, and at 'em!

FIRST DISTRICT.

Later Returns Seem to Indicate Pendleton's Election.

The returns from the First Congressional district are strangely slow in coming in. There is nothing official from Wetzel county or Braxton. Unofficial reports, however, seem to indicate a small plurality for Pendleton. The following estimates are subject to change either way when complete returns are received. Mr. Pendleton claims his election by 200. Later returns than the INTELLIGENCER has at this writing may give him that much. At present the result seems to be as follows:

	Majorities.	Dover.	Pendleton.
Hancock	106	106	106
Brooke	106	106	106
Ohio	106	106	106
Marshall	106	106	106
Wetzel	106	106	106
Tyler	106	106	106
Doddridge	106	106	106
Harrison	106	106	106
Lewis	106	106	106
Gilmer	106	106	106
Braxton	106	106	106
Pendleton's Plurality.	1,738	1,867	

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Democrats Cannot Have More Than 15 of Joint Ballot.

The state senate consists of 26 members and the house of delegates of 71, making a total in both houses of 97. Of the 26 senators, 13 held over, 2 Republicans and 11 Democrats. Of the 13 elected on the 8th instant, the Republicans have elected in the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Tenth and Eleventh districts--total 6. The Democrats were successful in the other seven. So the next senate will stand, Republicans 8, Democrats 18.

In the delegates' districts, Republicans were successful in the First, Second, Sixth and Eighth--4. The Democrats elect in the Third (two members), Fifth (two members), Seventh (two members)--8. The Fourth (Lewis and Webster counties) is in doubt.

In the counties, the Democrats were successful in Berkeley 1, Doddridge 1, Fayette 2, Harrison 2, Jackson 2, Kanawha 4, Marshall 2, Mason 1, Mineral 1, Monongahela 1, Ohio 1, Preston 2, Ritchie 1, Taylor 1, Tyler 1, Upshur 1, Wood 3--total 28.

Democrats were elected in Barbour 1, Cabell 2, Gilmer 1, Greenbrier 2, Hampshire 1, Jefferson 1, Logan 1, Marion 2, Mercer 1, Ohio 3, Pendleton 1, Pleasants 1, Pocahontas 1, Roane 1, Summers 1, Wayne 2, Nicholas 1, Wetzel 1, Wirt 1--total 25.

Boone 1, Calhoun 1, Lincoln 1, Monroe 1, Putnam 1, Raleigh 1--Total, 6--have not been heard from. Recapitulating we have:

	Rep.	Dem.
Senate	8	18
Delegates districts	4	6
County delegates	28	23
Totals	40	49

At the worst, the house of delegates, it seems, cannot have over five Demo-

cratic majority, nor can the Democrats have over fifteen majority on joint ballot.

KANAWHA COUNTY.

The Big Stamp in the Vote--A Republican Loss of a Thousand.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Nov. 10.--Judge Ferguson's friends are disappointed that he did not lead the ticket as they expected. His vote was quite a respectable one, but he only led the legislative ticket by about fifty votes, possibly less. The entire Republican ticket is elected by from 150 to 500 majority. MacCorkle led his ticket slightly, the majorities here being as follows: Harrison 531, Davis 480, Rucker 497. Morrison's majority for state senate is about 500. Reports from Fayette indicate a Republican majority of about 600, but the Democrats claim the majority will not reach 500. Alderson's election seems to be assured from 500 to 1,000 majority, and John E. Peck is elected to the state senate by a majority of probably 1,000. There was some talk in Democratic circles this morning of contesting the vote at several precincts in Pocahontas district on the ground that the election was irregularly conducted. However, it is believed this idea has been abandoned if it was ever considered seriously. The popular verdict seems to be favorable to the new ballot law, contrary to generally expressed opinions before the election.

THE BANNER COUNTY.

Preston County Comes Up Smiling With Nearly 1,000 Majority.

KINGWOOD, W. VA., Nov. 10.--The total vote is in for Preston and Harrison has 1,544 majority. Davis is 11 ahead of Harrison and has 1,555 majority. Wisner fell behind 10 and Wilson 1 ahead of their tickets. The total vote is 108 less than in 1888, while the Prohibition and Peoples party have over twice as many votes as in 1888. The whole Republican county ticket is elected and the Democracy did not get even a constable where Republicans contested for it. The Democrats will have a jubilee on Saturday night and are very hungry and thirsty.

Republican Gains in Wayne County.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CEREDO, W. VA., Nov. 10.--Returns from Ceredo district, Wayne county, are as follows: Cleveland 53 majority. The same in 1888 gave the Democratic candidate 73 majority. Davis (Rep.) for governor ran 2 ahead of Cleveland. The Republicans carried Missouri precinct by 9 majority, a gain of 56 votes. There was a gain of 81 in Ceredo district and at Missouri and Mill Creek precincts. The estimated Democratic majority in the county is 400.

Barbour County's Vote.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PHILIPPI, W. VA., Nov. 10.--The returns of this county are all in and show the following result: Harrison 1,496, Cleveland 1,522, Wisner 1,493, Wilson 1,529, Davis 1,508, MacCorkle 1,516, Hyer 1,471, Johnson 1,557, Giffen 1,515, Scott 1,528, Shaw (Dem.) is elected to the house of delegates by five majority. All the Democratic county ticket is elected except one assessor.

Wetzel Majorities.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA., Nov. 10.--Pendleton's majority in this county is about 615; Wells' majority is 316, and Smith's 260. This is not official, however, and is collected from the best recollection of the persons who brought in the returns.

Nicholas County.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WESTON, W. VA., Nov. 10.--Word has reached here that Nicholas county goes Democratic by 255 majority. The indications are that the whole Democratic ticket is elected in Webster by 417 majority.

Mason County.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

POINT PLEASANT, W. VA., Nov. 10.--Complete returns give Harrison 341 majority, Davis 348, Biddle (senate) 277, Harrison gains 17.

A Big Majority.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

RITCHIE, C. H., W. VA., Nov. 10.--Warren Miller's majority in Ritchie for judge over Holt is 650.

Webster Majorities.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WESTON, W. VA., Nov. 10.--Advices just received say MacCorkle's majority in Webster is 412, Alderson's is the same.

Mineral's Majority.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

KEYSER, W. VA., Nov. 10.--Mineral county gives 138 majority on the state ticket.

Tucker County's Vote.

ST. GEORGE, W. VA., Nov. 10.--Harrison has 830, Cleveland 867.

Western Union Stock.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.--The directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company met to-day at noon and determined what disposition should be made of the \$13,500,000 additional stock authorized by the stockholders, and finally voted into existence by the directors November 10. The directors decided to-day to distribute 10 per cent of this on December 3 as dividends to the stockholders and to place the rest of it in the treasury as a reserve with which to improve the system and erect new lines. The balance will be put on the market as soon as Western Union stock reaches par, for under the law it cannot be sold below par.

A Big Tin Plate Factory.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 10.--At Atlanta to-day ground was broken for the largest tin plate factory in the United States. Mr. Stanford, president of the Indiana Tin Plate Manufacturing Company, which will erect the plant, is not frightened at the Democratic victory of last Tuesday. He doesn't think the law will be repealed.

Not Lost.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.--The schooner R. E. Wade, supposed to have been lost near Ludington with all on board nearly three weeks ago, arrived here this afternoon. The schooner reports having had a hard time on the Michigan side of the lake during the big storm.

HOW THEY VIEW IT.

Republican Managers Account for the Great Cyclone.

THE RESULT WAS UNFORESEEN

By the Shrewdest Politicians of Both Parties and Nobody Can Undertake to Tell How It Happened--Of Course Everybody Has His Theory, but Nobody Knows Any More Than Some Other Body the Real Cause.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.--The Mail and Express has secured interviews with the leading Republicans on the result of the late election. Here is what they say:

Chairman Carter said that all calculations, both by the Republicans and Democrats, had been at fault in this state, and also throughout the country; and yet these calculations had been made by some of the most experienced, ablest and shrewdest Republicans in the country about their respective states, and they were now dumfounded and could not account for the tremendous Democratic victories all along the line, which were not foreseen and could not be prevented.

Mr. Cornelius N. Bliss said he sympathized deeply with President Harrison, both in his bereavement and his present defeat, but it was too soon yet to tell what would be the effect upon the permanent welfare of the country at large.

Committeeman Joseph H. Manley said that he had analyzed the returns and they showed the workmen in the manufacturing centres of the whole country had gone against the Republican party, while the agricultural interests, as represented by the farmer vote, had stood by the Republican party.

Gen. J. S. Clark, of Iowa, said that all of the best calculations in respect to every state except his own had been set at naught by the results of the election. He is especially sorry for the defeat of Senator Spooner as a Republican candidate for governor of Wisconsin.

AT THE CLEVELAND MANSION.

The President-elect Beseiged With Telegrams of Congratulation.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.--Cheerfulness prevailed the home of President-elect Cleveland to-day though the weather without was cheerless in the extreme. The apartments in which the past and future mistress of the white house rules supreme was redolent with the odor of flowers, all sorts of the successful candidate's admiring friends. Messenger boys bearing telegrams of congratulation kept the door bell ringing almost continuously.

Mr. William C. Whitney, Colonel Daniel E. Lamont, Mr. George F. Parker and Robert L. O'Brien were with the president-elect for several hours in the morning and he denied himself to all other callers.

Ex-Secretary Whitney and Mrs. Whitney took luncheon with Mr. Cleveland. Mr. O'Brien said this afternoon that Mr. Cleveland had at the first intended to address a letter to the voters of the country, giving his views of the political situation, but this project had been abandoned. Mr. Cleveland had also decided not to allow any of the telegrams or letters of congratulations to be published. Mr. O'Brien said that the number of these messages already exceeded two thousand, and the stream showed no sign of diminution. Among the senders of the messages, he asserted, were almost every Democrat of prominence in the country and a good many Republicans.

Mr. O'Brien ascribes Mr. Cleveland's action in withholding the messages from the public to the influence of Mrs. Cleveland.

CABINET TALK.

The Make-up of Cleveland's Official Family--Who May Get the Honors.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.--The result of the election being positively settled here, the politicians are turning their attention to the possible make-up of President Cleveland's next cabinet.

Many are also greatly interested, now that the state legislature is known to be Democratic on joint ballot, in the probable successor of United States Senator Frank Hiseock, whose term expires March 4, next.

It is said that Governor Flower is ambitious to be the senator's successor, and that Lieutenant Governor Sheehan wants to succeed to the governor's office. Democratic politicians generally agree that Governor Flower will be sent to the senate if he so desires and Lieutenant Governor Sheehan will thus become governor for the unexpired term.

Lieutenant Governor Sheehan's friends declare that his splendid achievements during the present campaign in the interest of the Democratic party entitle him to the next nomination for a full term.

There has been some talk of Congressman W. Bourke Cockran for senator, but his friends allege that he does not want that place. It is said that he is satisfied with his law practice and the opportunities he has with his splendid powers to make a record in the lower house of Congress, to which he has just been re-elected.

The cabinet slate generally figured out by politicians to-day was as follows: Secretary of State, Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware.

Secretary of the Treasury, John L. Mitchell, ex-Postmaster General William F. Vilas, of Wisconsin.

Secretary of War, W. S. Franklin, of New Hampshire.

Secretary of the Interior, Isaac P. Gray, of Indiana.

Attorney general, William L. Wilson, of West Virginia, or Congressman Culbertson, of Texas.

Postmaster general, Don M. Dickinson.

It has been the general accepted belief in political circles that ex-Secretary Whitney, who has done so much to achieve the sweeping victory for Cleveland, would be offered the place of secretary of state by the President-elect, but those who appear to know something about it say that Mr. Whitney would prefer to be secretary of the navy if he enters the cabinet at all.

McKinley Can't Account for It.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 10.--Governor McKinley, of Ohio, was in the city to-night, the guest of C. L. Magee. In an

interview with a Post reporter he said he could not account for the result of the election. As to Ohio, he was not prepared to give it up yet, having received a telegram from Columbus this afternoon that the state was safe for the Republicans by 3,000 plurality.

CULLOM'S OPINION.

He Thinks the Defeat Due to the McKinley Bill.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Nov. 10.--Senator Cullom was seen by a reporter and asked his opinion as to the cause and meaning of the landslide in Illinois and in the nation. The senator promptly replied:

"Our losses in this state are mainly due to the school question, but in the national largely are due in my judgment to the passage of the McKinley law and the impression in the minds of the masses in regard to it. When it was passed the people expected us to revise the tariff and revise it in the direction of reducing duties, and while we did make reductions, they were disappointed and dissatisfied because so many increases were made. When the bill came to the senate from the house, we cut many of those increases, but when it went back to the house and got into the conference committee enough of them were restored to put us on the defensive and at a great disadvantage. Yes, I think our defeat can fairly be attributed to the McKinley bill."

What Uncle Jerry Says.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.--Secretary Jeremiah M. Rusk on his way back to Washington, after voting for Harrison, in his home in Wisconsin, was in Chicago to-day.

"We are cleaned out, that's all there is about it," said he referring to Tuesday. "In my opinion the tariff was the whole and sole cause of it. There had been a howl about the tariff everywhere, and then the Homestead affair made the laboring class discontented. Undoubtedly there has been a change of public sentiment as to the tariff. The reform spirit is growing and the result has been a clean sweep. Indiana is normally Democratic anyway. Wisconsin did a good deal better than many people expected. Even Milwaukee almost went Republican."

Beyond this the secretary of agriculture showed no inclination to discuss the matter.

A Reaction Against Progress.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.--Chairman Carter, of the Republican national committee, sent the following telegram to President Harrison this afternoon:

"The returns show that we have been defeated by a pronounced majority. The defeat can only be attributed to a reaction against the progressive policies of the Republican party."

(Signed) "THOMAS H. CARTER, Chairman."

OHIO CLOSE.

It May Take the Official Returns to Decide--Chances Favor the Democrats.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 10.--Owing to the method of receiving election returns in Ohio there is no absolute certain way of ascertaining the result when such a condition as the present prevails. The method is the same that has been followed for years. It showed gains for Harrison over McKinley's 21,000 steadily until everybody assumed the majority would not be much below McKinley's. But the latter returns rapidly reversed the first ratio and showed astonishing Democratic gains. Now it must take the official returns to decide the result for President and state office elections, but the chances largely favor the election of the entire Democratic state ticket. Unofficial returns are received by both state committees at Columbus and do not greatly vary.

The Commercial-Gazette estimates Cleveland's plurality in Ohio at 678.

At Republican headquarters at midnight official returns showed a plurality of 1,460 for Taylor (Republican) for secretary of state.

A Big Surprise.

ALLIANCE, O., Nov. 10.--Probably one of the biggest surprises of Tuesday's balloting was the election of Dr. George P. Ikert (Dem.) in this (McKinley's) district. Complete returns wipe out the usual Republican majority of 2,500 and elect Ikert to Congress over Thomas R. Morgan, sr., of this city, the Republican candidate, by a majority of 1,000.

Harter Re-elected.

MANSFIELD, O., Nov. 10.--Harter (Dem.) is re-elected to Congress by 2,515 plurality. The result is a great surprise, as Johnson's election was conceded on all sides until last night.

Michigan Delegation.

DETROIT, MICH., Nov. 10.--Completed returns show that Michigan's delegation to the Fifty-third Congress is as follows: First district, Logan Chipman, Dem.; Second, James S. Gorman, Dem.; Third, Julius C. Burrows, Rep.; Fourth, H. F. Thomas, Rep.; Fifth, Geo. F. Richardson, Dem. and Peoples; Sixth, D. D. Aitken, Rep.; Seventh, Justin B. Whiting, Dem.; Eighth, W. S. Linton, Rep.; Ninth, J. W. Mooney, probably; Tenth, Thos. S. Weadcock, Dem.; Eleventh, John Avery, Rep.; Twelfth, Samuel M. Stephenson, Rep. The Republicans have elected nine Presidential electors and the Democrats five.

Massachusetts All Right.

BOSTON, Nov. 10.--No revision of presidential vote of the state has yet been made, but Harrison's plurality is possibly about 27,000. The lieutenant governor returns are still incomplete and the exact plurality of Wolcott (Rep.) cannot be given.

The congressional delegation stands 10 Republicans to 3 Democrats, a Republican gain of 4.

Chicago Returns.

CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 10.--The complete returns from the city of Chicago and Cook county show that Cleveland has carried Cook county by 22,000 plurality, and that Altgeld, Democratic candidate for governor, has carried the county by 31,000 plurality.

Go to Snodgrass.

CHATTANOOGA, Nov. 10.--The Daily Press, Hon. E. Clay Evans' paper, says: The congressional honors go to Snodgrass (Dem.) Hamilton county gives Mr. Evans about 675 majority.

North Dakota.

FARGO, N. D., Nov. 10.--The Republican electors in this state seem to be beaten. All day Governor Burke (Rep.)

has given up his election, but returns to-night indicate that he may be elected by 1,000 majority of 7 or 8 on joint ballot in the legislature.

Tennessee's Election.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Nov. 10.--Twenty-five counties heard from give Cleveland about 33,000 over Harrison. The balance of counties will increase this to 45,000. Turner (Dem.) for governor has 24,000 over Winstead, (Rep.) will be increased to 32,000. Eight Democratic congressmen are elected. The congressmen are the same as in the present congress with the exception of Pierce.

A SERIOUS CHARGE

Brought Against Republican Managers in Connecticut.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Nov. 10.--The Union, in an extra edition to-night, publishes the following:

The Democratic state central committee is in possession of evidence tending to show that some of the Republican managers are engaged in a conspiracy to again count out the Democrats who were elected to the state offices on Tuesday.

A misleading and illegal form of return to be used under the requirements of the constitution was sent out from the office to hold over Secretary Walsh. It contains several traps to catch unwary moderators upon the subject of rejected votes.

By counting all of these rejected votes as if they were votes cast against Judge Morris and his associates, the conspirators hope to wipe out the large majority received by the Democratic candidates. It is known that several hundred votes, many of them for Judge Morris, were thrown out for illegality. On this basis Republican Chairman Benton has been claiming to-day that Judge Morris lacks 400 of a majority.

WASHINGTON VACANCIES

To Be Filled for the Remainder of President Harrison's Term.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 10.--There are a number of vacancies in the higher offices of the executive departments of the government, and the problem of filling them has been considerably complicated by the result of the recent election. Those positions are outside of the civil service law and regulations, and are looked upon as the legitimate patronage of the party in power. Under the present administration all of these places are or have been filled by men of the Republican political faith as during the last administration they were filled by Democrats. It is expected, of course, that when the administration changes on March 4, next, another general change will be made. In view of the fact the vacancies now existing cannot be regarded as altogether desirable prizes, as in about three months the appointees would, no doubt, be expected to step down and out. It will be necessary, however, that the public business may be properly carried on, that some of these vacancies be filled at once. In the postoffice department there is only one vacancy in the higher offices, and that is the office of the first assistant postmaster general. Colonel Whitfield's resignation went into effect nearly a month ago, and since that time Mr. Fowler, the chief clerk of the office, has been acting as first assistant. Under the law an acting first assistant can only serve thirty days, after which a permanent appointment must be made if the vacancy is filled at all.

Mr. Fowler and Mr. Bell, the second assistant postmaster general, have been mentioned for the place, but Gen. Wainmaker. It is said, has not yet fully decided whom he will recommend and he will presumably take some action soon. In the interior department, that is also an important vacancy, that of the commissioner of the general land office, now being temporarily filled by Assistant Commissioner Stone. It has been suggested that Mr. Carter might be induced to return and serve until March 4, but this is quite improbable.

In the war and navy departments, there are no vacancies in any of the important offices.

In the department of justice, there will be a vacancy at the very head--Attorney General Miller having signified his intention of resigning, but it is not yet known whether this will be taken so soon as to require the President to make a cabinet appointment before the 4th of March.

A TERRIBLE SCENE

Enacted During an Alms House Fire in Pennsylvania.

FRANKLIN, PA., Nov. 10.--At half-past one o'clock this afternoon the county alms house, situated at Sugar Creek, four miles north of this city, took fire. All the means at hand were used to handle the fire, but without avail, and the fire departments of Oil City and Franklin were sent to the scene by special train. But the fire had gained such headway that they could do little and the building was almost totally destroyed, together with most of its contents.

There were some terrible scenes enacted at the fire. There were about one hundred inmates, many of them helpless. Had it not been for the prompt, vigorous and courageous methods adopted in many cases, there would have been lives lost. The ground was covered with snow and a bitterly cold wind was blowing. The ill-clad paupers, many of them feeble and ailing, suffered dreadfully. Mrs. H. A. Culp, wife of the superintendent of the alms house, was very ill and it is thought the shock of the excitement and exposure incidental to her removal will kill her.

The building was valued at \$200,000 and was insured for \$50,000. The fire is believed to have been incendiary. There have been reports sent out that several of the paupers had been burned in the building, but Superintendent Culp says to-night that every inmate had been accounted for, and that there were no fatalities or even severe injuries among them.

Printing House Burned.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Nov. 10.--The printing and book binding establishment of Levy Bros. & Co. was damaged by fire and water at 12:30 o'clock this morning to the extent of \$50,000. The building and stock was fully insured.

Twelve Drowned.

LONDON, Nov. 10.--A dispatch received by a news agency here states that while a surf boat was taking passengers ashore from an Austrian Lloyd steamer at Jaffa it capsized and twelve of its occupants were drowned.

HOW CONGRESS STANDS

The Democrats Will Have From 80 to 100 Majority

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Which is a Big Decrease--Several Districts Still in Doubt--Additional Returns From the States Do Not Materially Alter the Results of Tuesday's Election--The Democratic Victory as Complete as First Reported.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 10.--An analysis of the congressional election returns shows that with returns missing from eighteen districts, in which the result is either entirely unknown or is very close, the Democrats have elected to seats in the house of representatives for the Fifty-third Congress ninety more representatives than the Republicans. This majority does not include nine members-elect who are classified as either fusionists or third party men, nearly every one of whom will act with the Democrats in any proposed reduction of tariff taxes. Their support, with the additional strength the Democrats are certain to derive from securing some of the eighteen districts put in the unknown column, make it conservative to estimate that the Democrats will have a majority of 100 members or more on the most important question likely to come before the next house of representatives, viz., a revision of the McKinley tariff law. A number of the fusionists are also thoroughly in accord with the Democratic policy as far as it goes on all other questions.

Leaving out the eighteen unknown districts, the next house will consist of 209 Democrats, 120 Republicans and 9 fusionists or third party men.

The following is a table by states:

States.	Dem.	Rep.	Fusion or Third Party	Unknown or very close.
Alabama	9	1		
Arkansas	4	6		
California	4	2		
Colorado	3	1		
Connecticut	3	1		